

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
a body; and  
a unit which is arranged in the body,  
wherein the unit comprises  
a card receiver which receives a card, and  
a protective member which protects part of the card that projects from the  
card receiver when the card receiver receives the card,  
wherein the card receiver is accommodated in the body, and the  
protective member is exposed from the body.
2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
the card receiver has an insertion slot to receive the card and a receiver  
guide rail,  
the protective member has an exit slot ~~to send the card to the first~~  
~~insertion slot of the card receiver,~~ and a member guide rail which guides the card  
to the card receiver, and  
the insertion slot and the exit slot oppose each other, and  
the card is guided to the card receiver by the member guide rail of the  
protective member and the receiver guide rail via the exit slot of the protective  
member and the insertion slot of the card receiver.
3. (Canceled)